

**Agency: Department of Education and Early Development****Project Title:**

# Tanana City School District - Maudrey J. Sommer School Laptop Computers

**State Funding Requested: \$ 25,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: 6 - C****Brief Project Description:**

Purchase 25 laptop computers for student educational use.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$25,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Tanana City School District is in need of new computers for student educational use in order to keep up with evolving technology and training. TSCD applied to the Alaska Association of School Boards (AASB) last year for the one to one computer program but unfortunately the Legislature did not fund the program for the 2007-2008 school year.

We have received positive feedback from students in other School Districts that are using the one on one program. They are able to do their work online and turn their work in on time. The online courses allow students to work independently, compose papers or to preview and research material they need to view for classes. The computers open up instruction to other possibilities than just the classroom teacher. In this time of increased Federal requirements for education, we need to have highly qualified teachers and the student access to laptop computers will allow them to take classes from the University of Alaska or from any college. Other School Districts have also said their attendance has improved for those students using the program.

Besides our School Districts observations, the AASB have research indicating the one to one laptop program is very successful.

**Project Timeline:**

Laptops purchased as soon as funds available.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Tanana School District

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

# **TANANA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **MAUDREY J. SOMMER SCHOOL**

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March 24, 2008

TO: Senator Albert Kookesh

FR: Dorothy Jordan, Administrator

RE: Laptop Computers

Tanana City School District (TCSD) is in need of new computers in order to give our students the training they need to be competitive in an evolving world of work. TCSD applied to the Alaska Association of School Boards (AASB) last year for the one to one computer program. Unfortunately, the legislature did not fund the program for the 2007-2008 school year.

Based on our experience with visiting basketball teams last and this year the program is working well. Students are doing their school work on line. While in Huslia I observed students from Kivalina completing their work online. Besides online courses the students work independently and use the computers to compose papers or to preview material they need to view for their classes.

The computers open up instruction to other than the classroom teachers. In this time of increased federal requirements for education, we need to have highly qualified teachers, and having laptop computers will allow our students to take classes from the University of Alaska system or from any college outside.

Also, last summer the students who attended RAHI and other programs were in need of laptop computers to complete their class work.

Besides my observations the AASB have research indicating the one to one laptop program is very successful. We have 25 students projected to be in grades 9-12 for the 2008-2009 school year. The Mac laptops cost approximately 1000 each.

Thank you for considering our proposal for laptops for our school.

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As discussed with you in your office in February during our fly-in, we are in dire need of dollars for our school bus repair.

The school bus is currently in Anchorage and the estimated cost of repair is \$28,000.00 as compared to a new school bus purchase cost of \$62,000.00. Please consider an award of \$28,000.00 for the school bus repair.